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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/827,937; Filed: April 9, 2001
For: **Human G-Protein Coupled Receptors**
Inventors: Li *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.1220003/EKS/EJH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (4 sheets);
3. A copy of each of the sixteen (17) cited documents (AA1, AB1, AC1, AD1, AL1, AM1, AR1, AS1, AT1, AR2, AS2, AT2, AR3, AS3, AT3, AR4, AS4 and AT4) on Form PTO-1449; and
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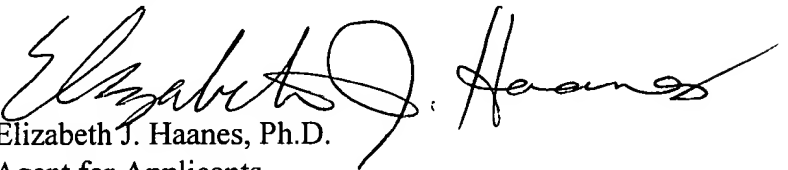
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

The Examiner is referred to the related, co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/518,383, Li *et al.*, filed March 3, 2000, submitted herewith as Document **AS4**, and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/518,381, Li *et al.*, filed March 3, 2000, submitted herewith as Document **AT4**.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates

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The identification of this U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to this application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

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This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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